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1. During the period from 26 August to 3 September 1951, night flying by jet aircraft was observed daily at Grossenhain airfield. * On 3 September, a jet plane was observed practicing take offs and landings with the help of a searchlight located at a point north of the center of the field. One jet plane taxied from the large hangar to the eastern end of the runway and from there took off with the help of the searchlight. When the plane was at an altitude of about 50 meters, the searchlight began to rotate from east to west over the runway. When the jet plane came in to land after 10 minutes it was spotted by the searchlight while approaching the landing field. The plane remained in the path of the beam until it had taxied to a stop.

2. 25X1B
 There was night flying at the field on 11, 13, and 20 September. On 12 September, 11 jet planes, including three alert planes with the red numbers 25X1B were observed. Forty jet aircraft were observed at the field at 7:30 a.m. on 18 September. Eleven jet aircraft were observed on 19 September. Trucks 25X1B were also seen. 25X1B

3. On 25 September, 31 MiG-15s including nine planes with red numbers 25X1B were parked at the field. Two swept-back jet fighters were two-seaters. ** One appeared to have had the red 25X1X
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 25X1B Three single-engine planes fitted with radial engines, a biplane, and 25X1B were seen at the field.

25X1A Night flying by MiG-15s was observed at almost all airfields occupied by fighter regiments. However, it has not been determined if the MiG-15 is also designed for night use. The existence of a landing light mounted on the wings of the MiG-15s was reported several times. Such lights do not show on photographs of this aircraft type. It is therefore possible that only some of the MiG-15s were fitted with these lights or lights were recently installed in all MiG-15s.

25X1A * the field is occupied by two 25X1X
 fighter regiments. The fighter regiment in Brandis makes up the division. The fighter division headquarters is located in Grossenhain. The system applied to the numbering of the aircraft of these regiments has not been determined. Most of the aircraft numbers observed in Grossenhain belong to the 25X1B
 25X1B The two-seaters are probably type 28 planes. It is believed that 25X1B
 each of the two fighter regiments at the field is assigned a plane of this type for training purpose.

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